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70. (Currently Amended) A patient interface system for use in collecting and transferring data from a patient to a remote monitor, the system comprising:

(a) a patient data receiver comprising:

(i) a sensor having a monitoring unit for monitoring a physiological parameter and producing an indicia related to the parameter; and

(ii) a patient interface including a display;

(b) a processor and a memory containing stored programming instructions that are operable by the processor to receive and store data from the patient data receiver, and further wherein the stored programming instructions enable the patient data receiver to remotely receive from a central computer one or more queries to be answered by the patient via the remote monitor; and

(c) a communication link associated with the processor to transfer the patient data to the remote monitor and to receive the one or more queries from the central computer.

71. (Previously added) The system according to claim 70, wherein the patient interface further comprises at least one of a keyboard, a plurality of buttons, and a microphone.

72. (Previously added) The system according to claim 70, wherein the communication link comprises at least one of a modem, a serial interface, a LAN connection, and a wireless transmitter.



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73. (New) The system according to claim 70, wherein the central computer comprises a web server.

74. (New) The system according to claim 70, wherein the stored programming instructions further enable the patient data receiver to present on the display a graphic representation of at least a portion of the patient data.

75. (New) The system of claim 70, wherein the patient data receiver further comprises a speaker configured to audibly convey information to the patient.

76. (New) A monitoring system for remotely querying at least one individual, the monitoring system comprising a central computer system and a remote apparatus configured for communication with the central computer system through a communication network, the central computer system comprising:

a) a processor, a display, and a user input device; and

b) a memory accessible by the processor and containing (i) a plurality of queries regarding health-related conditions and (ii) stored programming instructions operable by the processor to cause at least a subset of the stored queries to be transmitted from the central computer system to the remote apparatus; and

the remote apparatus comprising:

a) a communication link for receiving the subset of stored queries from the central computer system through the communication network and for transmitting responses to the queries to the central computer system through the communication network;

b) a display for presenting the queries and response choices;

c) a user interface for indicating selected response choices;

d) a processor; and

e) a memory in communication with the processor to (i) store the queries to be transmitted from the central computer system, (ii) store the selected response choices as indicated by the user; and (iii) store programming instructions operable by the processor to cause the display to



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present the queries and response choices, and to transmit the response choices to the central computer system.

77. (New) The system of claim 76, wherein the remote apparatus further comprises a monitoring unit for monitoring a physiological parameter and producing an indicia related to the parameter, and wherein the stored programming instructions in the remote apparatus memory are further capable of transmitting the indicia to the central computer system.

78. (New) The system of claim 77, wherein the remote apparatus memory further includes stored programming instructions operable by the processor to produce a graphic representation of the patient response choices or the indicia.

79. (New) A system for remotely monitoring an individual, the system comprising:

a) a server having a user interface for entering in the server health-related information comprising queries related to a health condition or parameters associated with a health-related measurement; and

b) a remotely programmable apparatus for interacting with the individual, the remotely programmable apparatus being configured for communication with the server via a communication network;

wherein the server comprises:

i) a software module for preparing at least a subset of the health-related information to be sent to the remotely programmable apparatus; and

ii) a data storage device accessible by the software module, the data storage device configured to store the health-related information;

and wherein the remotely programmable apparatus comprises:

i) a communication interface for receiving the health-related information from the server and for transmitting data related to a health condition of the individual to the server;

ii) a user interface for communicating the health-related information to the individual and for receiving responses from the individual;



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iii) a memory for storing the health-related information and the responses; and

iv) a processor connected to the communication interface, the user interface, and the memory, wherein stored programming instructions contained in the memory are operable by the processor to cause the user-interface to communicate the health-related information to the individual, to receive the responses from the individual, and to transmit the data to the server.

80. (New) A patient interface system for use in collecting and transferring data from a patient to a remote central monitoring system, the patient interface system comprising:

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- (i) a sensor for monitoring a physiological parameter and producing a measurement;
  - (ii) a user interface to present queries to the patient and receive responses from the patient;
  - (iii) a processor and a memory configured to receive and store patient data from the user interface, the patient data including (1) a target value related to the physiological parameter and (2) a series of health-related questions; and
  - (iv) a transceiver adapted to (1) transfer the patient data from the patient data input and data receiver to the remote central monitoring system, (2) receive instructional data from the remote central monitoring system, and (3) receive a new target value and series of questions from said remote monitoring system.




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